

L represents a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon-based chain, which is optionally substituted and/or optionally interrupted by optionally substituted arylene;

X represents O; NR⁸, in which R⁸ represents H; a saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon-based group; a group -CO-R' or -SO₂-R', in which R' takes any of the meanings given below for R⁷ with the exception of H; or R⁸ represents an optionally substituted aromatic carbocyclic group; or X represents S(O)_m, in which m is chosen from 0, 1 and 2;

R⁷ represents H; a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon-based group; an optionally substituted, saturated, unsaturated and/or aromatic carbocyclic group; an optionally substituted, saturated, unsaturated and/or aromatic heterocyclic group; and the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives, salts, solvates and stereoisomers thereof, and also mixtures thereof in all proportions.

2. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 1, characterised in that R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are independently chosen from a hydrogen atom and alkyl.

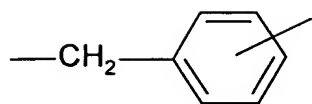
3. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to ~~either of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterised in that n represents 1 or 2.

4. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterised in that R⁷ represents H or alkyl.

5. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, characterised in that W represents -X-L-Tet, in which Tet represents optionally substituted tetrazolyl.

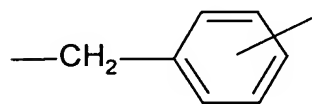
6. (Currently Amended) Compound according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterised in that L represents alkylene, alkenylene or -alk^o-Ar^o, in which alk^o represents alkylene and Ar^o represents optionally substituted phenylene.

7. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 6, characterised in that L represents



8. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterised in that Z represents alkyl optionally substituted by one or more radicals T; alkenyl optionally substituted by one or more radicals T; alkynyl optionally substituted by one or more radicals T; phenyl optionally substituted by one or more radicals T; cycloalkyl optionally substituted by one or more radicals T; monocyclic or bicyclic heteroaryl optionally substituted by one or more radicals T; -alk¹-Cy¹, in which alk¹ represents alkylene, preferably CH₂ and Cy¹ represents phenyl optionally substituted by one or more radicals T, or alternatively Cy¹ represents cycloalkyl, optionally substituted by one or more radicals T; T being chosen from optionally halogenated alkyl; optionally halogenated alkoxy; a halogen atom; and cyano.

9. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to Claim 1, characterised in that n = 1; R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ represent a hydrogen atom; Y represents O; R⁵ represents (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl; (C₂-C₁₀)alkynyl; -alk¹-Cy¹, in which alk¹ represents (C₁-C₃)alkylene and Cy¹ represents phenyl optionally substituted by one or more radicals T, in which T is ~~as defined in Claim 7~~



; R⁶ represents W, in which X represents O or NH; and L represents (C₁-C₃)alkylene.

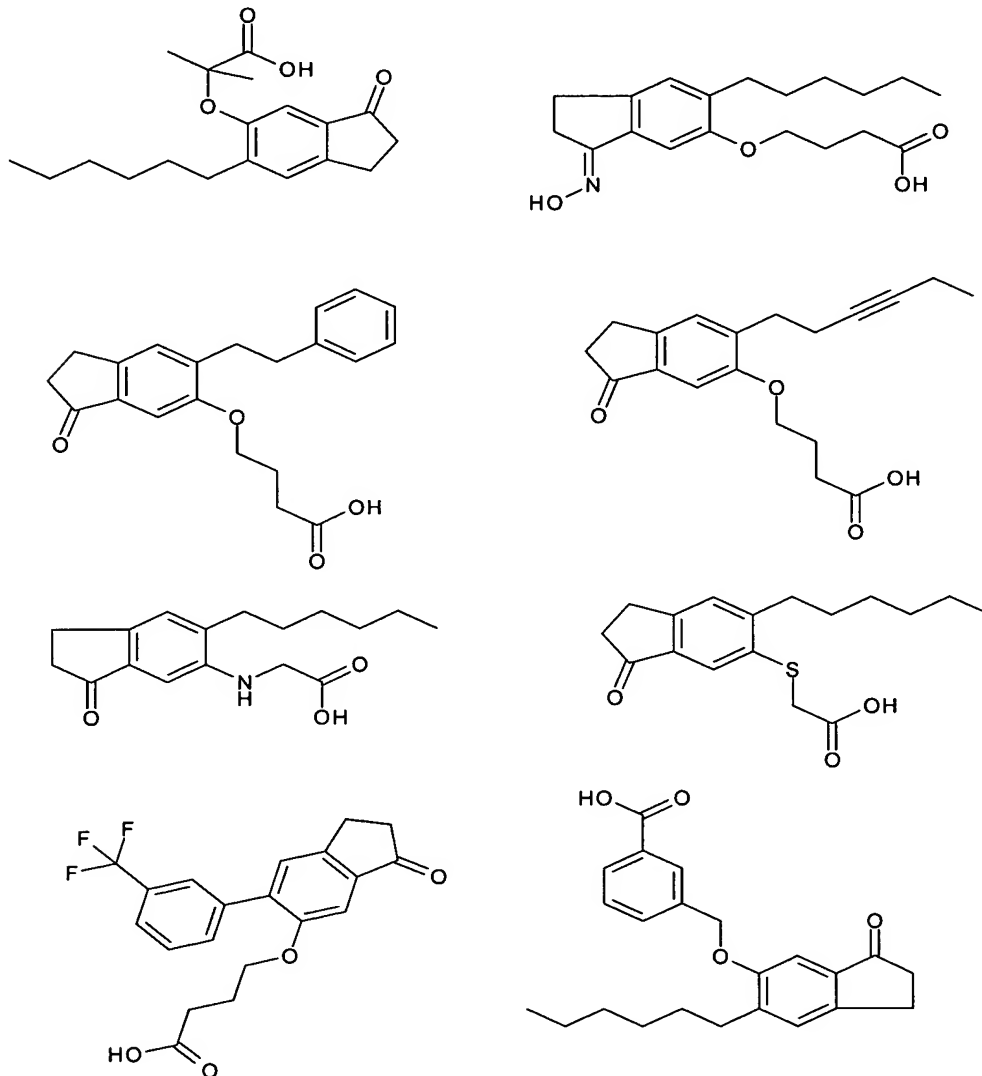
10. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to Claim 8 ~~or 9~~, characterised in that X represents NH; and R⁵ represents (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl.

11. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to Claim 8 ~~or 9~~, characterised in that X represents O; and R⁵ represents (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl; (C₂-C₁₀)alkynyl; and -alk¹-Cy¹, in which alk¹ represents (C₁-C₃)alkylene and Cy¹ represents phenyl.

12. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to Claim 8 ~~or 9~~, characterised in that Z represents alkyl, optionally substituted by cyano; phenyl, optionally substituted by trifluoro-

methyl, with halogen, with alkyl or with alkoxy; phenylalkyl, in which phenyl is substituted by one or more halogen atoms, alkyl or alkoxy; alkynyl; cycloalkylalkyl.

13. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 1, chosen from



and the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives, salts, solvates and stereoisomers thereof, and also mixtures thereof in all proportions.

14. (Currently Amended) Pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of at least one compound chosen from the compounds of the formula I according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13~~ Claim 1 and/or the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives, salts, solvates and stereoisomers thereof, including mixtures thereof in all proportions, in combination with at

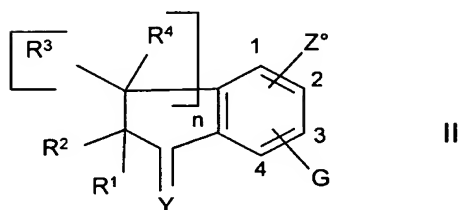
least one pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

15. (Currently Amended) Medicament comprising at least one compound of the formula I according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13~~ Claim 1 and/or the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives, salts, solvates and stereoisomers thereof, and also mixtures thereof in all proportions, and optionally one or more excipients and/or adjuvants.

16. (Currently Amended) Use of a compound of the formula I according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13~~ Claim 1 and/or the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives, salts, solvates and stereoisomers thereof, including mixtures thereof in all proportions, for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of an individual suffering from a disease or condition mediated by an insufficiency of activity of the PPAR α and PPAR γ isoforms in their role of regulating lipidaemia and glycaemia.

17. (Currently Amended) Use, according to Claim 16, of compounds of the formula I according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13~~ and/or the physiologically acceptable derivatives, salts, solvates and stereoisomers thereof, including mixtures thereof in all proportions, for the preparation of a medicament for the prevention of or treating dyslipidaemia, atherosclerosis and diabetes.

18. (Currently Amended) Process for the preparation of a compound of the formula I according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13~~ Claim 1, characterised in that a compound of the formula II:

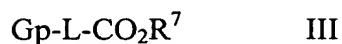


in which

R¹, R², R³, R⁴, n and Y are as defined above for formula I, G represents -XH, in which X is S or O, NHCOCF₃ or NHR⁸, R⁸ being as defined for formula I in Claim 1; and Z^o is a radical

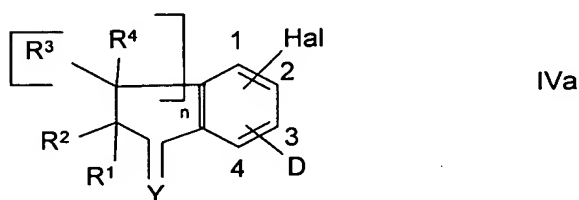
that is a precursor of Z, or alternatively Z^o represents Z, Z being as defined for formula I in Claim 1, Z^o and G being in positions 2 and 3 of the phenyl nucleus;

is reacted with a compound of the formula III:

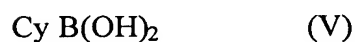


in which R⁷ and L are as defined in Claim 1 for formula I and Gp represents a leaving group, in the presence of a base.

19. (Currently Amended) Process for the preparation of a compound of the formula I according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13~~ Claim 1, in which Z represents Cy, in which Cy denotes an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group, characterised in that it comprises the reaction of a compound of the formula IVa:

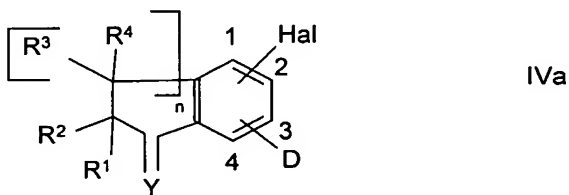


in which D represents -NHCOCF₃ or -X-L-CO₂R⁷, and L, R⁷, Y, X, R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and n are as defined for formula I in Claim 1, and Hal represents a halogen atom, preferably a bromine or iodine atom, the groups -Hal and D being in position 2 or 3, with an arylboronic or heteroarylboronic acid of the formula V:



in which the group Cy optionally bears one or more substituents, in the presence of a palladium 0 complex and a mineral or organic base.

20. (Currently Amended) Process for the preparation of a compound of the formula I according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13~~, in which Z represents -CH₂-π, in which π represents alkyl; alkenyl; alkynyl; Cy¹, Cy¹ being as defined for Cy in Claim 1; or -alk²-Cy¹, alk² representing alkylene and Cy¹ being as defined above, the said process being characterised in that



a compound of the formula IVa:

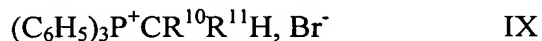
in which R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , n , Y , X , L , R^7 and D are as defined in Claim 18 and Hal represents a halogen atom, preferably an iodine or bromine atom, -Hal and D being in position 2 or 3, is reacted with a compound of the formula VII.



in which π is as defined above, in the presence of a palladium complex, such as bis(triphenylphosphine)dichloropalladium.

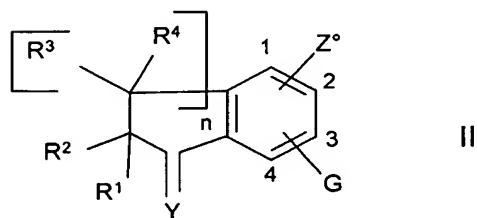
21. (Original) Process for the preparation of a compound of the formula I in which Y represents N-OH, characterised in that it comprises the reaction of the corresponding compound of the formula I in which $Y = O$ with a hydroxylamine salt in the presence of an alkali metal salt.

22. (Original) Process for the preparation of a compound of the formula I in which Y represents $\text{CR}^{10}\text{R}^{11}$, in which R^{10} and R^{11} are as defined in Claim 1, characterised in that the corresponding compound of the formula I in which Y represents O is reacted with a compound of the formula IX



in the presence of a base.

23. (Original) Compounds of the formula II:



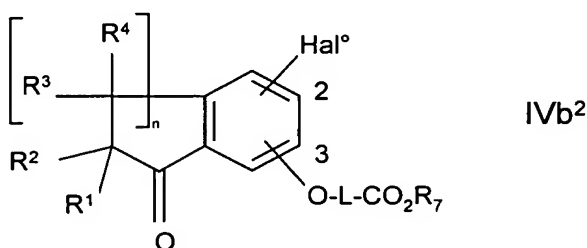
in which

R^1 and R^2 are chosen independently from a hydrogen atom and a $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl group, such as methyl; Z° represents I, Br or a $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$ alkyl group; and G represents $-\text{OH}$; $-\text{SH}$; $-\text{NH}_2$; $-\text{OCH}_3$; $-\text{NH-CO-CH}_3$; $-\text{NH-CO-CF}_3$, the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives, salts, solvates and stereoisomers thereof, and also mixtures thereof in all proportions.

24. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 23, chosen from:

2,2-dimethyl-5-n-hexyl-6-hydroxyindan-1-one;
5-n-hexyl-6-hydroxyindan-1-one;
5-n-hexyl-6-mercaptoindan-1-one;
5-iodo-6-methoxyindan-1-one;
5-bromo-6-aminoindan-1-one;
5-bromo-6-hydroxyindan-1-one;
2,2-dimethyl-5-n-hexyl-6-methoxyindan-1-one; and
5-bromo-6-trifluoromethylcarbonylaminoindan-1-one.

25. (Original) Compounds of the formula IVb²:

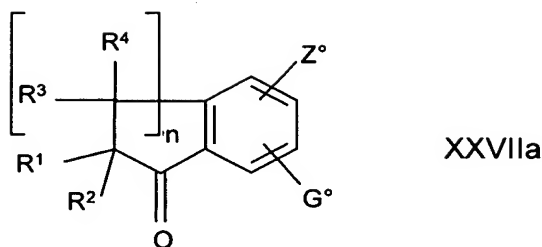


in which:

R¹ and R² are chosen independently from a hydrogen atom and a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, such as –CH₃; Hal[°] represents a halogen atom, such as an iodine atom; L and R⁷ are as defined in Claim 1, it being understood that Hal[°] and –O-L-CO₂R⁷ are in position 2 or 3, and the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives, salts, solvates and stereoisomers thereof, and also mixtures thereof in all proportions.

26. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 25 in which R¹ and R² are hydrogen atoms; Hal[°] represents a bromine or iodine atom and is in position 2; and –O-L-CO₂R⁷ is in position 3.

27. (Original) Compounds of the formula XXVIIa

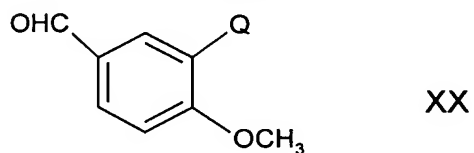


in which

R^1 and R^2 represent a hydrogen atom or a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group or $-CH_3$; Z° is as defined in Claim 12 for formula II; and G° represents NO_2 , and the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives, salts, solvates and stereoisomers thereof, and also mixtures thereof in all proportions.

28. (Original) Compound according to Claim 27, which is 5-bromo-6-nitroindan-1-one.

29. (Original) Compounds of the formula XX:



in which Q represents C_2-C_{10} 1-alkynyl, preferably 1-hexynyl, and the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives, salts, solvates and stereoisomers thereof, and also mixtures thereof in all proportions.

30. (Original) Intermediate compounds in the preparation of the compounds of the formula I, chosen from:

5-methoxy-6-trifluoromethylsulfonyloxyindan-1-one;

5-methoxy-6-bromoindan-1-one; and 5-hydroxy-6-bromoindan-1-one.